

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 20, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20. Claims 1 through 20 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursue them by way of a continuation application. New claims 21 -28 have been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended by her and Examiner Hansen to the undersigned in a personal interview on January 12, 2007. At the interview, the undersigned presented a handwritten draft of a proposed amendment, which is referred to in the Interview Summary. The accompanying new Independent Claim 21 corresponds substantially with claims presented, but have been edited to address minor typographical errors (e.g., changes of "the" to "said" and the inclusion of an "a" before "roof pitch") to the handwritten claim presented at the Interview. Nonetheless, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner again independently consider the presently submitted claims.

Applicant believes the claims now clearly call for "an arcuate surface that intersects said first edge of said first surface and is orthogonal thereto". Such a feature is depicted in the specification, for example, as "arcuate surface 38". As discussed at the interview, the art cited includes no such feature, nor any motivation to obtain it. Rather, the Baker patent does discourage such an arcuate surface, as it would prevent the successful use of the corner piece shown.

In short, the invention is believed patentable over the art. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, it does not follow that the amended claims have become so perfect in their description that no one could devise an equivalent. After amendment, as before, limitations in the ability to describe the present invention in language in the patent claims naturally prevent the Applicants from capturing every nuance of the invention or describing with complete precision the range of its novelty or every possible equivalent. See, Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002). Accordingly, the foregoing amendments are made specifically in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicants would otherwise be entitled.

CONCLUSIONS

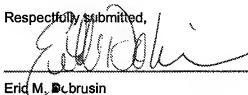
In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest

convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 292-2920.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

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